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Town of Dartmouth
400 Stocum Road
Dartmouth, MA 02747

Select Board Members Present:

Shawn McDonald- Chair
Michael Watson -Vice Chair
William J. Trimble

John George Jr.
Lara Stone

The Chair opened the public meeting at 5:45 p.m.

The Chair polled the Board for a roll call vote to convene into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Sec 21: Chair McDonald, yes; Vice-Chair Watson, yes; Selectman Trimble, yes; Selectwoman Stone, yes; Selectman George, yes;

The Chair called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on **January 6, 2014** in room 304.

Board members signed the **warrant(s)** for the following bills from various departments in the amounts of:

Date	Warrant #	Warrant Description	Amount
12/28/2013	PR26	Payroll Expense	\$969,943.97
1/2/2014	PD1427	Payroll Deduction	\$434,329.79
1/6/2014	P1428	Police Expense	\$17,330.36
1/6/2014	T1428	Town Expense	\$793,499.02

I. Appointments:

6:30 p.m. State Representative Chris Markey- To discuss the tax rate issues and flexibility with small businesses in town. We begin by saying we would like the ability to establish three tax rates, residential, small business and large box stores (Lowe's and Home Depot etc.) so that we can help out the small businesses in the Town. Chris Markey replies by saying he has been looking into it and spoke

with other reps about these issues. He is not optimistic that a significant change will be something that would happen any time soon. Realistically it would take time and he is aware of the issue and thinks at the appropriate time it will be something that he will be able to get moving. We would like the flexibility for our town to be able to make the decision on how to shift it. We want the State Legislator to free our hands so that local municipalities will have the ability to make their own decisions. We don't want to change the revenue amounts, just shift the revenue to different areas. We feel that municipalities need to have the flexibility to make the decisions locally. The Board also thanked Chris Markey for his efforts on the Cecil Smith issues and for coming in to speak with them tonight.

6:45 p.m. DCTV 350th – Discuss the 350th Celebration.

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing- N-Star Petition for 1 Proposed Conduit Location on Cross Road.

7:05 p.m. Public Hearing- N-Star Petition for 1 Proposed Pole Location on Cross Road.

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- *After a motion was made by Selectman John George Jr., and seconded by Vice Chair Michael Watson, it was unanimously voted to approve the Nstar Petition for 1 proposed Conduit and 1 Pole location on Cross Road.*

II. New Business:

A. Renewal of Sundry Licenses Common Victualler

JC'S Corner
Papa Ginos- State Road
Pink Box Desserts
Max's
New York Bagel

- *After a motion was made by Vice Chair Michael Watson and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was unanimously voted to approve the Common Victualler Licenses.*

Motor Agent

Class I

Kia of Dartmouth
Windmill Cycles, Inc.

Class II

Dartmouth Auto Sales

- *After a motion was made by Selectman John George Jr., and seconded by Selectwoman Lara Stone, it was unanimously voted to approve the Motor Agent Licenses.*

III. Old Business:

- A. Charter Revisions- counsel advised that in order to get an elected Charter Commission, there would need to be a petition submitted for the Town Registrars to certify then submit to the Select Boards Office. We would have 30 days to issue an order amending the Charter Commission and be placed on the ballot. Nominations may be made 60 days prior to the annual election then placed on the ballot; not on a special election. They will continue to do research on the matter and propose a question for the next ballot.
- B. Cecil Smith/ Mary Robinson Landfill- We are sending a notice of appeal superseding the order of conditions that had been filed. A Tedison group has also filed an appeal; both were filed on the same day, December 16, 2013.
- C. Mac's Junkyard- the Board of Health has sent the owner an order of remediation of the site to be started in the spring of 2014. The owner has not responded to the order yet but has until February 2014.
- D. Efficiency Study- We are still working on the issues and expect to have responses for the next meeting.
- E. Use Variances- Planning Board submitted an article to keep use variances in every other zoning district except residential areas. The residential area is a great part of the Town. We are not able to vote on this at this time. Issue will be revisited at the next meeting.

F. Snow Policy- Thank you to everyone who worked hard this past weekend, they all did an excellent job with snow clean up. The plan is working well.

- *After a motion was made by Selectman William Trimble, and seconded by Selectman John George Jr., it was unanimously voted to adopt the snow policy.*

G. Small Business Tax Exemption- We are sending a letter to surrounding Cities, Towns, Representatives and the MMA regarding our outline for small business tax classification.

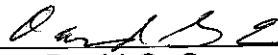
1. Increase exemption from 10% to 20%.
2. Expand assessed value exemption from 1 million to 1.5 million.
3. Change number of employees from 10 to 20.
4. Introduce a 3rd tax classification to distinguish small businesses from large box stores.

- *After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson to change one million and a half to two million and seconded by Selectman John George Jr., it was unanimously voted to approve the Small Business Tax Exemption Letter.*

IV. Announcements:

A brief observation was made that if the stop line was pushed back about 8 feet on Allen Street; the busses would have an easier time turning resulting in less of a backup at the intersection. Also the same situation at the intersection of Route 6 and Tucker Road. We will send these comments to the traffic officer. Also, when stopping at the stop light at Tucker Road do not block the entrance to the business on the corner as this holds up traffic.

Attest:



David G. Cressman, Town Administrator

Transcribed by: Christine Amaral

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Select Board's Agenda
John Marland Meeting Room 304
January 6, 2014

6:30 p.m. Open Meeting
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Moment of Silence
Signing of the Warrant

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IV. Minutes:

V. Announcements: